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desired the Judges of the Land Office to have Copies of the several Patents made out as soon as possible, which shall be properly Authenticated & transmitted according to your Lordships Instructions. I have likewise wrote to the Sherriff & Surveyor & desired them to make the strictest enquiry whether any Vessels of Burthen have ever passed thro the sound abovementioned, & in case any persons shall be found that remember such a Transaction I have desired them to take proper Affidavits which shall be Authenticated & transmitted also without Delay. M^r Emory is I find ready to Certifie that so much of the Draft as the Line from Fenwix's Island passes over is truly laid down & also that the Figures which denote the Depth of Water in sundry parts of the Sound are just & right, but he cannot swear that the whole is an exact Copy of the Draft or Map which the Pensilvania Surveyor & he signed & returned to the Commissioners, as he did not keep a Copy by him but only the minutes from which it was laid down, however I presume such a Certificate as he can give is as much as can be wanted, and I shall therefore transmit it with the other papers. I shall by this opportunity send your Lordship a Copy of the Commission by Virtue of which the Divisional Lines were to have been run according to the Articles of Agreement, that your Lordship might be the better able to Iudge what sort of Commission it will be necessary to send over at this time. As I presume your Lordship will think it proper that some of the Gentlemen of the Council should be appointed Commissioners, I take the Liberty to mention Col^o Benjamin Tasker, Bennedict Calvert Esq^r & Col^o Robert Ienkins Henry, who were appointed heretofore, none of them I believe pretend to be Mathematicians, nor indeed is there any Gentleman in your Lordships Council that has made that Branch of Science his Study, but I mention them because the two first are better able to undergo fatigue than most of the rest, & Col^o Henry is pretty well acquainted with the Country where the Divisional Line will run; to these Gentlemen or to as many of them as your Lordship shall be pleased to appoint may be added Stephen Bordley Esq^r your Lordships Attorney General, The Rev^d M^r Alex^r Malcolme one of your Lordships Chaplins, & M^r John Leeds Clerk of Talbott County, the two last are said to have studied the Mathematicks as much as any Gentlemen among Us, & it will be very proper that the Attorney General should attend for many obvious Reasons, and since I have had occasion to mention this Gentleman I take the Liberty also to recommend him to the Seat that is vacant in your Lordships Council, wherein if he shall meet with your Lordships Approbation I am persuaded he will behave in such a manner as to merit your